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1. The Salama uprising involved about two hundred men, who seized officials, cut most of the telephone and telegraph lines, and seized and held government installations from 1:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on 29 March 1953. The Army despatched a contingent of about one hundred soldiers from Coban, the first thirty of whom recaptured the town with little fighting. The killed and wounded were not more than fifteen. There were no indications that civilians gave appreciable resistance to the insurgents, or to the government troops upon the arrival of the latter. Apparently, the government had no advance information of the uprising.
2. The general belief is that, although the leaders of the uprising probably intended this group to act in conjunction with similar groups in other sections, the actions of this group were premature, for some unknown reason. The insurgents had placed markers on the airfield, which indicated that they expected reinforcement by plane.

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